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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5,7 and 9-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5,7,9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 12 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 May 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

Claim 10 is allowed.

Upon reconsideration the indicated allowability of claims 6 and 7 is withdrawn based upon the reasons given below.

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 2-5,7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. In claim 9, lines 7-8 applicant recites an electromechanical compression load cell disposed in contacting relation against one of a pair of clamping members. In claim 9, lines 19-21, applicant recites a force member comprising a pneumatic actuator including an actuator body and an actuator rod fixably connected to the distal end of a shaft. The specification describes one embodiment in which an electromechanical compression load cell is provided (illustrated in Figs. 2 and 3) and further describes a second embodiment in which a force member comprising a pneumatic actuator is provided (illustrated in Fig. 4 and 5). However the specification does not describe an embodiment in which both an electromechanical compression load cell and a force member comprising a pneumatic actuator are provided. One skilled in the art would not be enabled to make the invention claimed in claims 2-5, 7, and 9 since it is not obvious how a load cell can be integrated into the Figs. 4-5 embodiment which relies upon a

pneumatic pressure sensing device 86 located remotely from the clamping members (rather than in contacting relation against one of the clamping members as claimed). Further it is not obvious how a pneumatic actuator could be integrated into the Figs. 2-3 embodiment which relies upon a helical spring 50 and rotational knob 54 to provide manually determined force vectors applied to the clamping discs 44, 46.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rydborn (U.S.P. 4,884,763), taken as applied in the previous Office action. The patent to Rydborn discloses a thread tension adjusting apparatus comprising a partially threaded mounting shaft 1, Fig. 1 which projects from a sewing machine 2, a spacer 5 fixedly connected to the distal end of the shaft, a pair of thread clamping members 3,4 slidably disposed in juxtaposed relation on said shaft and interposed between said spacer and said sewing machine, and a force member 6 adapted to undergo axial reciprocating movement relative to the spacer and said sewing machine with axial reciprocating movement moving the force member into and away from engagement with the thread clamping members and placing a thread passing between the clamping members under increased or decreased compression.

Claims 12 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter P. Nerbun whose telephone number is 571-272-4992. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (1st Week) M-F (2d Week).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John J. Calvert can be reached on 571-272-4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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